

The Report of the Corresponding Secretary and Historian, S. Robert Powell, presented at the 78th Annual Griswold Reunion, August 26, 1984.

Every effort was made by SRP to get as much publicity as possible about the 78th Griswold Reunion (1984) and, therefore, guarantee a good attendance at the Reunion. To that end, SRP wrote and produced a two-page mailing piece (page 1: the announcement of the 78th Griswold Reunion and the 153rd anniversary of the founding of the Clinton Center Baptist Church; page 2: the 1984 Griswold Reunion Information Sheet), which was mailed, on July 31, 1984, to the 162 individuals and families on the mailing list.

In addition, SRP wrote, and arranged for the publication of, six press releases, which were published in the period July 19, 1984--August 23, 1984:

FOREST CITY NEWS, 07-19-1984, p. 5 (photograph by Donald W. Powell--hereinafter "DWP"--of the 77th Griswold Reunion--hereinafter "GR"--+ announcement of the 78th GR/153rd Clinton Center Baptist Church--hereinafter "CCBC"--Anniversary);

THE WAYNE INDEPENDENT, 07-21/22-1984, p. 10A (announcement of the 78th GR/153rd CCBC Anniversary; this paper was sent, but did not publish with the announcement, the group photograph by DWP of the 152nd CCBC Anniversary that was sent to them to accompany the announcement);

CARBONDALE NEWS, 08-08-1984, p. 3, p. 9 (DWP photograph of 77th GR + announcement of the 78th GR/153rd CCBC Anniversary);

FOREST CITY NEWS, 08-16-1984, p. 5 (DWP photograph of 152nd CCBC Anniversary + announcement of the 78th GR/153rd CCBC Anniversary);

CARBONDALE NEWS, 08-22-1984, p. 3 (brief announcement in Community Calendar of 78th GR/153rd CCBC Anniversary; no photograph);

THE WAYNE INDEPENDENT, 08-23-1984, p. 5A (brief reminder of the 78th GR/153rd CCBC Anniversary in the reunion announcement section).

SRP incurred the following expenses during 1984 on behalf of the GR: \$15.60 (printing of two-page mailer that was mailed on 07-31-84), \$11.7 (printing of gummed labels to send out two-page mailer), \$32.40 (postage to mail out 162 announcements of the Reunion). Total expenses incurred by the Corresponding Secretary/Historian in 1984: \$50.18. SRP reimbursed, in cash, on 08-27-1984 by Treasurer of Griswold Reunion.

SRP reported that he had sent to Charles D. and Edna W. Townsend a complete copy of the entire list of descendants of John Griswold (No. 375A) and Elizabeth Crittenden. This list was originally published in Volume II, Number 2 (November 19, 1980) of NORTHEASTERN PENNSYLVANIA. Following the publication of the descendant list in NORTHEASTERN PENNSYLVANIA, SRP carefully updated and corrected the list and sent it to the Townsends, on 03-26-1982, so that the complete list of descendants of John Griswold and Elizabeth Crittenden might be included in Volume VII of the Griswold family history, entitled, GRISWOLD FAMILY OF ENGLAND AND AMERICA, Volume VII. When SRP received his personal copy (Copy No. 20) of said volume, he was greatly dismayed to learn that the fruits of his research were not all included in said volume. Rather than publish the complete list of descendants in Volume VII, the Townsends merely referred the reader to the list of descendants of John Griswold and Elizabeth Crittenden that was published in Volume II, No. 2 of NORTHEASTERN PENNSYLVANIA. Very disappointing treatment by the Townsends. The Townsends had the complete list and it should have been published in Volume VII of GRISWOLD FAMILY OF ENGLAND AND AMERICA.

NOTE: At the Reunion in 1984, DWP reported that he had learned from Stan Pratt of Honesdale that the Townsends have been replaced as the national family historians and that Robert and Esther French (R. D., Box 139, Chatham, NY 12037) have been named the national Griswold genealogists and family historians and that they are very interested in receiving a copy of SRP's complete list of the descendants of John Griswold (No. 375A) and Elizabeth Crittenden for inclusion in the next hard cover volume of GRISWOLD FAMILY OF ENGLAND AND AMERICA.

(A copy of that list was mailed to Robert and Esther French on April 10, 1985.

On April 18, 1985, Robert and Esther French replied to SRP's letter of April 10, 1985, as follows:

*Dear Mr. Powell:

Thank you for your letter of April 10, 1985 and for the list of descendants of John and Elizabeth Crittenden (No. 375A--Michael line). It is the product of much hard work and will be a great help to the Griswold Family Association.

Part of the answer to your question of why there was not more of your material in Volume VII lies in the fact that neither Glenn Griswold nor the Townsends went further than the children of women named Griswold. There are many members of the Association with other surnames but, with very few exceptions, none appears in the six volumes unless their mother's name was Griswold. The Association adopted that policy because of the near impossibility of following all female lines.

As genealogists for the Association we do have a wide correspondence with people seeking to trace their Griswold ancestry, so we can make good use of your material in that way. If the GFA should find it possible to follow female lines in future publications your work will have made a great difference...

COMMENT BY SRP: The Griswold Family Association should, it is my belief, make every effort to include in the published volumes of GRISWOLD FAMILY OF ENGLAND AND AMERICA all known information about all descendants of Michael Griswold of Wethersfield, CT, regardless of whether they descend from a male line or a female line. Granted, it can be extremely difficult to trace a female line (neither Glenn Griswold nor the Townsends went further than the women of children named Griswold), but given the fact that some female lines are well documented and clear, e.g., the Clinton Township Griswold line, the known information about those female lines is as much an integral part of the Griswold family history as the information about the male lines. Just because known information about known female lines was not included in the published volumes of Griswold family history in the past is no reason for not including that information in presently-under-way or upcoming publications of the GRISWOLD FAMILY ASSOCIATION OF AMERICA.)

SRP also reported, at the 78th Annual Griswold Reunion, that he chaired a committee of the descendants of Laura Griswold, and arranged to have the name of LAURA GRISWOLD (born, 07-07-1826, died, 03-25-1924) included on a special "In Memoriam" page in Volume VII of GRISWOLD FAMILY OF ENGLAND AND AMERICA.

SRP also reported that on 06-19-1984, he received a letter from John V. Buberniak (a guest of SRP's at the Reunion in 1983) who was visiting his maternal grandparents in Peru, IN. In his letter, John reported that he had located in the Mount Hope Cemetery, Peru, IN, the tombstones of the following Griswolds:

1. Willard Griswold 1831-1904
2. Charles Griswold PVT. 28 BTRY. IND. LT. ARTY. April 30, 1928
3. Alice Gertrude Griswold 1872-1954
4. Harriet Griswold 1846-1926
5. Thomas F. Griswold April 27-28, 1900
6. Marjorie B. Griswold April 24--May 2, 1894
7. Dorothea B. Griswold April 24-25, 1894

At the Reunion, the Corresponding Secretary/Historian read the poem, "Reunion Day," by Grace Gray Sample, of Albia, IA. A copy of this poem, which is reproduced below, was handed to SRP by a member of the Reunion who prefers to remain anonymous:

REUNION DAY

Laden with food
And bearing good cheer,
The relatives gather
On this one day each year.
Greeting each other
With words, amazed,
At the years that are passing
Since long-ago days.

Newborns and newlyweds
Might not understand
The reason behind
The desire to attend,
The need to keep close,
The need to stay "one"--
To remember the roots
From which we have come.

They have passed on now
Who were roots of our day,
The years have been many
Since they went away.
But memories hold laughter,
And memories hold love,
And the hope the Hereafter
Holds reunions above.

Grace Gray Sample
Albia, Iowa

SRP also read the poem "Yesterday * Today * Tomorrow" by the Rev. G. Fay Crossman (given on page 57 of Rev. Crossman's recently published volume of poetry entitled, "Words of Love"). This poem, which was written by Rev. Crossman on January 8, 1983, is as follows:

YESTERDAY * TODAY * TOMORROW

Yesterday was the day before today
And to bring it back, there is no way
What we were going to do yesterday
We may be able to get it done today

Today is our opportunity to do
It is ours to use all day through
To use it for good or ill
Mostly according to our will.

Today we can be happy along the way
And a kind word to some one may say
A helping hand to some one in need
A kind word, a helping hand can be a good deed.

Today is the only day we have to live
So let us live it that we may be able to give
And be a witness each day for God above
Whom is the greatest Giver of love.

Tomorrow is a day we never will see
As it is always a day ahead of you and me
We plan to do things tomorrow when it is today
All too soon tomorrow will be today, then yesterday

When tomorrow comes it is no longer tomorrow
As it has changed from tomorrow to today
Just let us live today and tomorrow's today
Continue to praise God and always to Him pray.

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SRP then called for all revisions and/or additions to the Griswold Reunion Mailing List and to the official list of descendants of John Griswold and Elizabeth Crittenden, and announced that an updated and corrected list of descendants would be available to family members in the Fall of 1984.

The following individuals (names not listed in any particular order) furnished information to SRP to update and correct the official list of descendants and also the Griswold Reunion Mailing List:

Pearl and Ernest Brudos, Niles F. and Nancy M. Curtis, Verna C. Varcoe, the Blair Family (Douglas S., and Helen E. Blair) of Niceville, FL, Virginia Rude Hungerford, Leland and Betty Loomis, Leeta Geuther, Margaret Remsen Rude, Mildred E. LaBarre, Alice Curtis Lund, Marge Treat, Edith A. Gardner, Verla C. Arnold, Mrs. Reginald Blair, Mrs. Willard Gibson, Harold T. Loomis, Myrtle Curtis, Mrs. Marjorie Norton Walker, Patricia C. Lawrence, Mary Zollbrecht, Esther Griswold, Mr. and Mrs. Francis Henry Curtis III, Dorothy and Fred Oliver, and Donald Walter Powell.

In addition, SRP showed thirty color slides that he took at the 77th Griswold Reunion at Ridge Farm in 1983; also included were some slides that were taken at the 152nd CCBC Anniversary in 1983.

D. Report of the Treasurer....Donald W. Powell

The Treasurer reported that there was a balance of \$15.85 in the bank account when all expenses from last year's reunion were paid.

Bills presented this year for payment: printing of announcements of the Reunion: \$15.60; printing of labels, \$11.7; postage for mailing out announcements, \$32.40; miscellaneous, \$1.01

The following persons were unable to attend the Griswold Reunion in Clinton Township in 1984, but sent in donations for the annual collection:

Niles F. and Nancy M. Curtis
Douglas S. and Helen E. Blair
Virginia R. and Philip C. Hungerford, Jr.
Helen Loomis Russell Powell
Mrs. Reginald Blair
Esther Griswold
Mrs. Patricia Lawrence
Mrs. Marjorie N. Walker

The donations of these thoughtful and generous Griswolds is very much appreciated. Thank you from the entire Griswold family.

E. 1984 Griswold Reunion collection.....taken in the Harriet Curtis Gardner bowl

F. Distribution, by Donald W. Powell, of ordered and paid for group photographs of the 1983 Griswold Reunion.

G. Adjournment of Annual Business Meeting of the Griswold Reunion; Reunion to next meet on August 18, 1985.

The following persons signed the register at the 1984 Griswold Reunion Annual Business Meeting:

Donald W. Powell, Mary Tyler, Amy Schermerhorn, Laura Schermerhorn, Gertrude Snyder, Edith Gardner, signature illegible, Margaret R. Rude, Myrtle W. Curtis, Doris C. Howell, Verna C. Varcoe, Bernice Dolan, Francis Henry Curtis III, Ann Louise Curtis, William Schermerhorn, Jill Schermerhorn, Mary Schermerhorn, Ann Tyler, Laura Rude, Becky Geuther, Helen Giles, Ralph Giles, Doris Mead, Marjorie Gravalec, Stephen Gravalec, Mildred LaBarre, Norman S. Lund, George and Mildred Pazel, Verla C. Arnold, Beatrice Bartholomay, Rev. Dwight Anderson, Fred A. Olver, Dorothy L. Olver, Alice Lund, S. Robert Powell.

THE GRISWOLDS OF GUILFORD, CT

The following announcement was discovered by Donald W. Powell in the January-February 1985 issue (Volume XXXIX, No. 1, pages 118-119) of The Genealogical Helper:

FAMILIES OF EARLY GUILFORD, CONNECTICUT, 1984. Compiled by Alvan TALCOTT, edited and prepared for publication by Jacquelyn L. RICKER, available from Genealogical Publishing Company, 1001 N. Calvert St., Baltimore, MD 21202. Hardback, 6 X 9 inches, 1379 pages, indexed, \$75.00.

Genealogical records of many families of early Guilford, Connecticut are contained in this book. The records are arranged alphabetically by family name, under which may also be found the names and records of allied families. To facilitate the search for an allied family, the reader is advised to consult the index. As far as possible, each family line is traced from the settlement of the town in 1639 downward, and the descendants who removed from Guilford to other localities are followed as near the cut-off date of 1890 as possible. The record of each family is complete in itself giving the residence and the date of birth, marriage, and death of each member, with numerical references, in certain cases, to ancestors and descendants. Nearly 90 families are presented along with thousands of allied names. Some of the families included are: BALDWIN, BURGESS, CAMP, CRUTTENDEN, DAVIS, DUDLEY, ELLIOT, EVARTS, FAIRCHILD, FRENCH, GOLDSMITH, GRISWOLD, HALL, HUBBARD, ISBELL, JOHNSON, JONES, KELSEY, KIRKHAM, LANDON, LOPER, MEIGS, MURRAY, NORTON, PAGE, PIERSON, ROBINSON, RUSSELL, SCRANTON, STONE, TALLMAN, TODD, VAILL, WALKLEY, WOODWARD, plus many more.

DESCENDANT LIST

To obtain a copy of the updated and corrected list of the descendants of John Griswold (No. 375A) and Elizabeth Crittenden, of Clinton Township, Wayne County, PA, contact the Recording Secretary/Historian of the Clinton Township Griswold Reunion, S. Robert Powell (Post Office Box 161, Carbondale, PA 18407).

Given the fact that this descendant list is 98 pages in length, we will have to ask that you contribute to the cost of xeroxing the list. Please enclose \$5.00 for each copy of the list that you order.